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AND METHODS

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2004. In the Office Action, the only rejection was a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 1-22 of copending application number 10/222,132. A response to an Office Action for copending application number 10/222,132 is being filed concurrently herewith. In the Response to the Office Action for application number 10/222,132 is an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Hence, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot.

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